

## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004, which transmitted a ten-way restriction requirement, the examiner is respectfully requested to note that claim 108 is not identified as being within any of the enumerated groupings identified in the Office Action. This claim most closely falls within Group V. Accordingly the examiner is requested to acknowledge in the next Office Action that claim 108 is within Group V or alternatively suggest an alternative placement.


Applicants elect the claims in Group VI, specifically claims 1-15 for prosecution in the present application. To this end, claims 16-111 are canceled above without prejudice but are retained in the application file pending the filing of appropriate divisional applications to prosecute the non-elected claims. No amendments have been made to the elected claims 1-15.

In view of the above amendments and these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests prompt substantive examination. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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